

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Telcos have been allowed to re-merge after the breakup of AT&T-Bell, and now they are increasing rates to pay for their debts, not giving better service.

Wireless wants a free ride sanctioned by FCC in the payment to a bidder/owner of the spectrum of many times the amount they paid the government (us consumers) in the first place.

Cable companies, like the AOL-TimeWarner conglomerate want even further consolidation and control with a higher cost to the consumer.

Newspapers have already consolidated, and both ABC and NBC are owned by the same group, if not in name, in format with the same news stories being delivered at the same time (called collusion).

With every deregulation, the customer...me...has had his service compromised. Isn't it odd that every time I bought into a cable company so I could watch Holiday games, the cable was out or down. Hardly a better service. Now I rely on the public airwaves and the telcos for access to news. Funny how the news shows on the public airwaves have more advertising than news. Perhaps this is all part of the payoff the FCC and politicians get for offering up what belongs to the public?

Realizing that Republicans are pro-big business still...as was the past republican administrations. Consumers, small businesses have not been helped by the government agencies for which they are supposed to work (the People)but have found their choices and processes limited by government agencies and big business...from Microsoft/Justice department settlement to Telcos/long distance increases. Now for all intents and purposes we might as well give all the newspapers, TV channels, cable, wireless etc. to AOL-TIME Warner. Why waste time?

I say this former with sarcasm, because with the current administration, justice, and FCC it would appear no one really cares about the consumer, only merging businesses.